

Class of 2011...

# *Start Your Engines!*



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If you were unable to attend the “Navigating the College Application Process” workshop on April 8<sup>th</sup>, here is a list of things you should begin working on **now** to apply for colleges:

1. Take the SAT’s for the first time. You can still register for the next test date of June 5<sup>th</sup>, but you must register by April 29, 2010. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register. Our school code is 220722. Westfield State College has an SAT Prep course starting April 29<sup>th</sup>. Interested students should come to guidance.
2. Spend time researching colleges on [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com) (username: hrhs password: hampshire) Use “How to Research a College Online” to guide your research.
3. Use April Vacation to do campus visits. April Vacation is a better time than summer to check out campuses as college students will still be in classes.
4. Ask **TWO** teachers for recommendations *now*. The sooner the better. First, some teachers limit the number of recommendations they will write and second, some teachers like to write their recommendations over the summer.

Who should you ask?

- a. Ask a teacher who knows you well.
- b. Ask a teacher who you know will write you a good letter of recommendation. If you don’t think they will or if you have a question about it, ask someone else.
- c. Ask teachers from the current school year (colleges want current recs.)

Come to guidance to pick up recommendation forms and instructions on how to create an ‘activity resume.’ You will need to create an activity resume to give each teacher you are asking for a recommendation. Give them the recommendation form and the activity resume.

5. If you have any questions about any steps of the college application process, please see your guidance counselor. They are here to help you!

